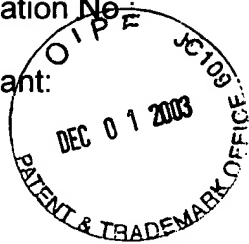


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No: 09/981,740
Applicant: Eric Streicher, et al.
Filed: October 19, 2001
Title: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR INCREASING
PRODUCTION OF SPHEROIDAL GLASS PARTICLES IN
VERTICAL GLASS FURNACES
TC/A.U.: 1731
Examiner: Michael Colaiani
Docket Number: Serie 5492



**PETITION AND FEE FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR 1.136(a))**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request a 2 month extension of time until November 23, 2003 in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated June 23, 2003 for the above-identified application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 01-1375 the fee of \$ 410.00 for obtaining this extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-1375. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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